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Message from the Commanding General United States Army Training and Doctrine Command

SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Never have the challenges to our nation and our military forces been greater. We are faced with a new enemy and a new war. It is no longer sufficient for our leaders and our Soldiers to be technically and tactically competent, they must also be politically, sociologically, and religiously conscious and sensitive to the needs of a people that view our presence with suspicion and fear. These challenges and the on-going nature of the war on terrorism demand that we change how we organize, how we think, how we fight, and how we train. The inherent risk associated with these changes must be addressed to ensure the safety of our Soldiers and success of our mission.

As the architect of The Army's future, TRADOC will lead the changes that shape the organization, doctrine, and training of our forces. Increased risk is inevitable. Leaders must be able to logically and accurately assess risk to make informed decisions to manage and reduce that risk. The use of Composite Risk Management (CRM) to identify hazards and mitigate risk from all sources affords us the capability to preserve combat power while allowing leaders at all levels the flexibility needed for bold and decisive action. TRADOC must institutionalize this process and make it an integral part of everything we do. Our doctrine, our schools and lesson curriculums, and our leader development courses must integrate CRM principles.

The preservation of the lives and well-being of our Soldiers and civilians is absolutely essential in sustaining a motivated, well-trained Army that serves the needs of our nation. Safety is the product of enforced standards and the effective application of CRM. As leaders and commanders we make the difference.

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